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1. GATT WORKING PARTY ON JULY 17 APPROVED WITHOUT CHANGE DRAFT REPORT, DRAFT PROTOCOL AND DRAFT DECISION AS CONTAINED SPEC (72) 83. DEADLINE FOR SIGNATURE OF PROTOCOL BY HUNGARY (PARA 10 OF DRAFT) WILL BE 31 DEC 1973.

2. MATTER WILL BE ON GATT COUNCIL AGENDA JULY 30. GATT AIRGRAM WILL URGE CPS TO AUTHORIZE THEIR COUNCIL REPS TO VOTE ON ACCESSION DECISION JULY 30 OR ASAP THEREAFTER. MISSION REQUESTS AUTHORIZATION VOTE FOR DECISION EVEN THOUGH WE CANNOT SIGN PROTOCOL DUE ARTICLE XXXV.
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3. HUNGARY'S GATT SCHEDULE LXXI WITH LIST OF INITIAL NEGOTIATING RIGHTS RESULTING FROM HUNGARY'S TARIFF NEGOTIATIONS WITH CPS DURING PAST YEAR IS CONTAINED IN SPEC (73) 38 POUCHED JULY 13. NEW SCHEDULE WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE 1 JANUARY 1974.

4. EVEN IF US TRADE REFORM ACT AND TITLE V THEREOF PROCEEDS FAVORABLY THROUGH CONGRESS, IT SEEMS CLEAR US WILL NOT BE IN POSITION TO COMPLETE NEGOTIATIONS WITH HUNGARY ON TARIFF REDUCTIONS WE MAY WISH TO REQUEST AND TO DISINVOKE ARTICLE XXXV BEFORE 1 JAN 1974. ANY US EXPORTS TO HUNGARY OF ITEMS SUBJECT TO GATT CONCESSIONS LISTED SPEC (73) 38 WILL ACCORDINGLY FACE SUBSTANTIALLY HIGHER TARIFF THAN OUR COMPETITORS AS OF THAT DATE. MISSION SUGGESTS WASHINGTON AGENCIES CONSIDER WHETHER THIS SITUATION IS LIKELY TO BE REGARDED IN CONGRESSIONAL AND US BUSINESS CIRCLES AS AN INCENTIVE (OR THE REVERSE) TO US DISINVOCATION OF ARTICLE XXXV. IF OUTLOOK FOR TITLE V OF TRA IS FAVORABLE THIS FALL, CONSIDERATION MIGHT BE GIVEN TO REQUESTING HUNGARY TO SUSPEND APPLICATION TO "ARTICLE XXXV COUNTRIES" (US) OF RATES HIGHER THAN GATT CONCESSION RATES FOR A SHORT PERIOD, E.G. 6 MONTHS.BASSIN

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